

Application No. 10/643,401
Response to Restriction Requirement dated May 2, 2005
Office Action of March 2, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 16-28 are pending, and are subject to restriction.

The restriction set forth in the Action requires an election from among two allegedly separate groups of inventions. The Action categorizes these groups as follows:

I. Claims 16-23, drawn to a thermal interface positionable at a juncture between an electronic component and a heat sink.

II. Claims 24-28, drawn to a method for facilitating the transfer of heat from an electronic component to a heat sink.

Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute herein the claims of Group I; that is, Claims 16-23.

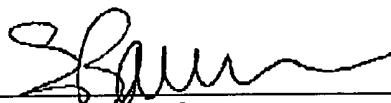
Applicants submit however that no additional effort would be required and thus no drain on Patent and Trademark resources would occur with a search and examination of all the claims in one application. As such, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Nevertheless, having made the above restriction, Applicants respectfully request a prompt and favorable examination of the subject application.

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